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My dear Sir:

Drummondiana *Banard.* be included
in a list of Rocky Mtn species of
the U. States? I do not know just
where Drummond collected, and while I
took copious notes of the specimens in
D Torrey's herb some years ago I
neglected to make a memorandum
of the habitat, if any was given.
They are from the "Rocky Mountains."

Investigating *P. Fendleriana* Auden's
species in connection with its reported
occurrence in the Rocky Mountains I
was led to the complete and interesting
determination of some plants recently
collected by Mr. A. S. Peck as the long
long *Paly Messourian* *Artem.* The
agreement with Nuttall's extends
and rather unusually accurate
description is perfect and the

Ms. 520
110m. N. S. D. bound

determination is sustained by tracings
of the few specimens and a few
fragments from David's Herbarium
now right here - even in another
of them I believe to say, the Ernst
specimens by Prof. Robinson of the
material herbarium in Harvard - With
4 specimens of Stuttall's before him
accepted - Stuttall's possession was
given very ^{palpably} macrocarpa very to have for
the habitat assignment is long! - He takes
Stuttall's name - assigns it to a plant
from "David's Herbarium" which (which by the
way) can not be found in place "Ohio,"
a plant that Stuttall never saw - and
then re-describes Stuttall's plant as
a new species gypsiophila David, I
can't understand it! To talk of
the habitat of Stuttall's plant being
misplaced is more quitting - based
upon the accidental omission of hab. in
the Key to the specimens - which he
says he saw - an accepted "Ohio" - I
have written to Rees about it -
tentatively - involving both our specimens
which must be macrocarpa Stuttall - there
can be no going back on that - and

which if not also Geyerana must
be distinguished by some character
not given in the description - which
is not at all likely - Our plant
in the Californian flora will thus
become S. Drummondiana -
something - It is different in the
main than S. rigida - smaller flowers
& more silky leaves - still scarcely
enough I think to warrant separation.

We moved into our new house
last December and have been gradually
settling down to the ordinary routine
of home life - right in the teeth of
such a winter as "you read about" -
I have also last got all my botanical
treasures safe under one roof - and
rejoice in a snug little study - opening
out of the family living room -

Please drop me a line about
S. Drummondiana. Ought I to include it
among our Californian flora - the merit
attention to its possible discovery.

Yours cordially
A. N. S. P.